

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:	)	
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ANDREAS ROESSLER	)	
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Divisional of Pending Prior	)	Art Unit of Pending Prior
Application No. 10/255,819	)	Application: 3651
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Filing Date of Prior Pending	)	Examiner of Pending Prior
Application: September 26, 2002	)	Applic.: Joseph A. Dillon, Jr.
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For: METHODS OF AND DEVICE FOR	)	Docket No. GER5314B
FEEDING FASTENING ELEMENTS	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OF DIVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment in, and is being filed with, the above-identified divisional application. Applicant requests that the Commissioner consider the amendments below to this divisional application, and the remarks which follow.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Cancel paragraph [0001], in its entirety, and substitute therefor the following new paragraph [0001]:

--[0001] This application is a divisional application of applicant's pending prior U.S. Application No. 10/255,819, filed on September 26, 2002, and titled METHODS OF AND DEVICE FOR FEEDING FASTENING ELEMENTS, which is a continuation-in-part of applicant's now-abandoned U.S. Application No. 09/592,394, filed on June 13, 2000, and titled METHODS OF AND DEVICE FOR FEEDING FASTENING ELEMENTS. The disclosures of applicant's above-noted pending prior application and abandoned application are incorporated herein by reference thereto.--